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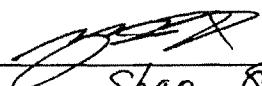
I, *Shao Q Yao*, am a joint inventor of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/611,593, filed on June 30, 2003 and co-author of the article "Intein-Mediated Biotinylation of Proteins and Its Application in a Protein MicroArray" (2002) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 124:8768-8769.

I hereby declare that Qing Zhu, listed as an author on the above-mentioned paper, did not contribute to the portions of Lesaichere et al. cited by the Examiner in this application, particularly the portions in column 1 and column 2 of page 8768 relating to purification, biotinylation and cleavage of a fusion protein involving binding a fusion protein to a chitin column before cleavage to produce a protein with an intein tag at the C-terminus, and spotting of such a protein onto an avidin-functionalized glass slide. Qing Zhu was included as an author solely on the basis that he prepared molecules used in the research presented in the reference.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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